

agency authorized to net securities transactions under this section is subject to the accounting and reporting procedures established by the comptroller.

SECTION 12. This Act takes effect September 1, 1999.

SECTION 13. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 13, 1999, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 29, 1999.

Effective September 1, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 338

H.B. No. 1767

### AN ACT

relating to the legal representation of county officials and employees by district and county attorneys.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 157, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 157.9015 to read as follows:

*Sec. 157.9015. REPRESENTATION PERMITTED WITHOUT CONFLICT OF INTEREST. (a) It is not a conflict of interest for a district or county attorney under Section 157.901 to defend a county or a county official or employee sued by another county official or employee and also to advise or represent the opposing party on a separate matter arising from the performance of a public duty, regardless of whether the attorney gives the advice or representation to the opposing party before the suit began or while the suit is pending.*

*(b) If practicable, the district or county attorney shall assign a different attorney to defend the county or a county official or employee under this section than the attorney assigned to advise or represent the opposing party on a separate matter.*

*(c) This section does not require a district or county attorney to represent a county official or employee who brings a suit against the county or another county official or employee for an action arising from the performance of a public duty.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1999: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 29, 1999.

Effective May 29, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 339

H.B. No. 1845

### AN ACT

relating to voting by members of an agricultural cooperative marketing association.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*